

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a drive server configured to present one or more compressed data streams;

5 a control server separate from said drive server and configured to present a particular one of said one or more compressed data streams received from said drive server on a particular one of ~~a plurality of one or more~~ busses as determined by a particular one of a plurality of request signals;

10 one or more ~~decoder remote~~ devices connected to said busses, at least one of said ~~one or more decoder remote~~ devices being disposed in a separate room from said control server and said drive server, each of said ~~one or more decoder remote~~ devices comprising a first decoder circuit and a control circuit, said
15 first decoder circuit being configured to decode and decompress at least one of said one or more compressed data streams received from said control server to generate at least one of a decoded video signal and a decoded audio signal; and

one or more navigation software modules executable on said control server, each of said navigation software modules being
20 configured to (i) generate one or more control signals that program a respective one of said ~~one or more first decoder circuits devices~~ in response to one or more user options entered at said respective

~~decoder remote~~ device and (ii) parse a respective one of said one or more compressed data streams.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more user options are remotely controlled by a user.

3. (CANCELED).

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more ~~decoder remote~~ devices are configured to enter a diagnostic mode in response to receiving a particular one of said one or more control signals from said control server.

5. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more compressed data streams comprise one or more DVD bitstreams.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said drive server generates a plurality a particular one~~ of said compressed data streams ~~that may each be~~ is presented to two or more of said ~~decoder remote~~ devices at a particular time.

7. (CANCELED).

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of busses comprises at least two of (i) one or more universal serial busses and (ii) one or more 1394 busses.

9. (CANCELED).

10. (CANCELED).

11. (CANCELED).

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:
a drive server configured to present a plurality of DVD bitstreams;

a control server separate from said driver server and
5 configured to present said DVD bitstreams received from said drive server on a plurality of cables in response to a plurality of first remotely generated request signals;

a plurality of ~~decoder remote~~ devices connected to said cables, at least one of said ~~decoder remote~~ devices being disposed
10 in a separate room from said control server and said driver server, each of said ~~decoder remote~~ devices comprising a first decoder circuit and a control circuit, said first decoder circuit being configured to decode and decompress at least one of said DVD

bitstreams received from said control server to generate at least
15 one of a decoded video signal and a decoded audio signal;
a plurality of navigation software modules each
executable on said control server; and
a plurality of decoder control circuits within said
control server, each of said decoder control circuits being
20 configured to control a respective one of said navigation software
modules for programming of a respective one of said first decoder
circuits within said remote devices.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim
12, wherein (i) each of said navigation software modules is
configured to generate one or more control signals and (ii) said
first decoder circuits ~~devices~~ are configured to generate said at
5 least one of said decoded video signal and said decoded audio
signal in response to said one or more control signals.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for distributing video,
comprising the steps of:

- (A) presenting one or more compressed data streams with
a drive server to a control server separate from said drive server;
5 (B) distributing said one or more compressed data
streams from said control server to one or more ~~decoder~~ remote
devices across ~~a plurality of~~ one or more busses in response to one
or more request signals;

(C) decoding and decompressing at least one of said one
10 or more compressed data streams with one or more first decoder
circuits within said one or more remote devices ~~decoders~~;

(D) presenting at least one signal selected from a
decoded video signal and a decoded audio signal in response to
decoding said at least one of said one or more compressed data
15 streams, wherein at least one of said one or more remote devices
~~decoder~~ is disposed in a separate room from said control server
and said driver server; and

(E) executing one or more navigation software modules on
said control server, each of said navigation software modules being
20 configured to (i) generate one or more control signals that program
a respective one of said ~~one or more~~ first decoder circuits ~~devices~~
in response to one or more user options entered at said respective
~~decoder~~ remote device and (ii) parse a respective one of said one
or more compressed data streams.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim
14, wherein said said plurality of busses comprise at least two of
(i) one or more universal serial busses or (ii) one or more 1394
busses.

16. (ORIGINAL) The method according to claim 14, wherein
said one or more compressed data streams comprise one or more DVD
bitstreams.

17. (CANCELED).

18. (CANCELED).

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein each of said cables comprise a serial bus.

20. (CANCELED).

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more user options comprise a fast forward request.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ at least one of said remote devices ~~decoder device~~ further comprises a ~~plurality of decoding elements~~ second decoder circuit capable of decoding and decompressing in accordance with a second compression standard different than a first compression standard of said first decoder circuit ~~a plurality of video~~ standards, respectively.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 22, further comprising a supplemental decoder coupled to ~~said~~ at least one of said remote devices ~~decoder device~~ through a serial

interface to receive ~~said~~ at least one of said compressed data
5 streams stream through said serial interface, said supplemental
decoder decoding and decompressing in accordance with a third
compression standard different than said first compression standard
and said second compression standard.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim
23, wherein said supplemental decoder comprises:

★ an additional decoder circuit; and

5 a state machine configured to control a plurality of read
operations and a plurality of write operations sent to said
additional decoder circuit.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim
14, wherein said one or more user options comprise a fast forward
request.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to
claim 12, further comprising the step of:

parsing said DVD bitstreams with said navigation software
modules.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim
12, wherein at least one of said ~~decoder~~ remote devices further
comprises ~~a plurality of decoding elements~~ a second decoder circuit

capable of decoding and decompressing in accordance with a second
5 compression standard different than a first compression standard of
said first decoder circuit ~~a plurality of video standards,~~
~~respectively.~~

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim
14, wherein step (C) comprises the sub-step of:

decoding and decompressing said at least one of said one
or more compressed data streams in ~~one of a plurality of decoding~~
5 ~~elements~~ a second decoder circuit in at least one of said ~~decoder~~
~~remote~~ devices, wherein ~~each of said decoding elements~~ said second
decoder circuit is configured to decode and decompress in
accordance with a second compression standard different than a
first compression standard of said first decoder circuits ~~a~~
10 ~~respective one of a plurality of video standards.~~